

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
***Commercial Horseshoe Crab Fishery — Effective 5/1/2020***

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the quota, season, and catch limits for the 2020 — 2021 commercial horseshoe crab fishery.

**QUOTA**

The annual total allowable landings of male horseshoe crabs for the commercial fishery is 255,980. There is no female harvest permitted.

**SEASON AND CATCH LIMITS**

1. An individual may not land more than 25 male horseshoe crabs unless they are in possession of a valid horseshoe crab landing permit.
2. A permittee shall harvest horseshoe crabs according to the tier specified on their horseshoe crab landing permit.

Male Horseshoe Crab Season and Daily Limits by Permit Type						
Date	Area Open to Harvest	Permit Type				
		No Permit	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
May 1, 2020 through July 5, 2020	Atlantic Ocean between 1 and 3 miles from the coast  Maryland's coastal bays and their tidal tributaries	25	150	150	150	150
July 6, 2020 through November 30, 2020	All Maryland waters	25	150	200	1500	2500
December 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021	Closed	No Harvest Allowed				

**WHY THIS IS NECESSARY**

This is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Horseshoe Crabs.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch horseshoe crabs commercially.

**EFFECTIVE TIME AND DATE**

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. May 1, 2020.

**AUTHORITY**

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